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1. PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR ALI ARSHAD HAS INFORMED US THAT HE HAS IT
ON IMPECCABLE AUTHORITY FROM AN EASTERN EUROPEAN AMBASSADOR THAT THE
AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE TO THE CZECH EMBASSY ON BABRAK KARMAL'S
DISMISSAL CONTAINED AN EXTRA FEATURE. THIS WAS THAT THE CZECH
AUTHORITIES SHOULD SEE TO IT THAT BABRAK KARMAL IS NOT PERMITTED
TO LEAVE CZECHOSLOVAKIA VIA THE WEST, BUT BE COMPELLED TO RETURN TO
AFGHANISTAN VIA MOSCOW.

2. ACCORDING TO ALI ARSHAD, THE CZECH EMBASSY RESPONDED TO THE AFGHAN
FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE FOR TH
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CZECH GOVT TO TELL A DISMISSED FOREIGN AMBASSADOR HOW HE SHOULD TRAVE
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3. COMMENT: HERE IN KABUL, THE PLANS AND WHEREABOUTS OF THE SIX
DISMISSED PARCHAMIST AMBASSADORS REMAIN A MYSTERY (EXCEPT PERHAPS
TO THE SOVIETS). SOUNDINGS AMONG MY DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES HAVE
ONLY ELICITED ONE PIECE OF INFORMATION -- CONFIRMATION FROM THE

PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR THAT FIRED AMBASSADOR BARYALAI HAD GONE TO PRAGUE. ON SEPT 10, WHEN I ASKED DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER DOST IF THE DISMISSED SIX WOULD BE GIVEN JOBS IN HIS MINISTRY, HIS CAUTIOUS ANSWER WAS, "I DO NOT THINK SO." HE ALSO PROFESSED NOT TO KNOW WHETHER THEY PLANNED TO RETURN TO AFGHANISTAN.

4. GIVEN THE STRONG PUBLIC STATEMENTS BEING MADE THIS WEEK, IN SPEECHES AND PRESS, AGAINST THE "PSEUDO-REVOLUTIONARIES," WE WOULD EXPECT THEM TO THINK TWICE BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISION TO RETURN. AS THE PRC AMBASSADOR OPINED LAST NIGHT, "THEY ARE SURE TO BE ARRESTED."

5. IT IS AN INDICATION OF THE TIMES HERE THAT A WEEK AFTER THE SACKING OF THESE AMBASSADORS, THERE IS STILL NO HINT IN THE PRESS THAT THIS ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN. WHEN ON SEPT 11, AN EMBASSY OFFICER MENTIONED THE DISMISSAL OF THE SIX TO A HIGH-LEVEL FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL AT A RECEPTION, THAT OFFICIAL WAS GENUINELY DUMBFOUNDED AND SAID PRIVATELY THAT IT WAS THE FIRST HE HAD HEARD OF IT.
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